

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-7 and 9 are currently pending.

Claim 1 (Original): A method of introducing a substance into plant tissue whereby the substance is introduced into the tissue of a plant having branches through the branch, wherein the substance is absorbed through conductive tissue of the branch while inhibiting means is carried out in order to inhibit transpiration through a leaf on the branch or to inhibit water requirement by the leaf.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the inhibiting means is removal of at least one of the leaves.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the inhibiting means is shading of at least one of the leaves.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the inhibiting means is closure of stomata of the leaves.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 4, wherein the closure is accomplished by introducing into the tissue of the leaves, a chemical which closes the stomata.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the conductive tissue is exposed by removal of the tissue of the branch, and the substance is introduced through the exposed conductive tissue.

Claim 7 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the conductive tissue consists of vessels.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the plant is a dicotyledonous plant.